GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PM OVERSEAS TOURS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minster has recently visited certain countries;

(b) if so, the details of talks held by him; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister visited Russian Federation from 4-7 November, USA from 7-11 November and the UK from 12- 13 November, 2001.

(b)-(c) The details of talks held and the outcome of the visits are given in the Annexure.

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 490 for answer on 21.11.2001 regarding `PM`s Overseas Tours`

Sl. No.	Names of the country visited with date(s)	Details of the talks held	Outcome of the visit
1.	Russian Federation Nov. 4-7, 2001	During this visit, Prime Minister had a one-to-one meeting with President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin followed by delegation level talks. Prime Minister also had separate meetings with Speaker of the State Duma, Mr. Gennady Seleznyev. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Igor Ivanov and Minister of Defence, Mr. Sergei Ivanov called on PM. During the meetings of the Prime Minister, discussions took	During the visit, the Prime Minister and President Putin signed the Moscow Declaration on International Terrorism. For stengthening cooperation in various fields, the two sides also signed/issued several other bilateral documents, including: i) Joint Statement on Strategic issues. ii) Memorandum of Understanding on implementation of Kudankulam NPP Project. iii) MoU on the Emergency Prevention
2.	gamut of Indo-USA Washington D.C. Nov. 7-9, 2001	place on the entire Russian bilateral relations, and on regional and international issues of mutual interest.	and Response. iv) MoU on Russian bio technology centre in India. establishment of Indo-

PM also visited St. Petersburg where he met Governor of the St. Petersburg Regional Administration Mr. Vladimir Yakovlev.	It is expected that the State visit of the Prime Minister to the Russian Federation will help in carrying forward Indo-Russian relations to a new level of partnership.
Prime Minister paid an official working visit to Washington D.C. from 7-9 November, 2001 at the invitation of President Bush. Besides an Oval Office meeting and lunch with President Bush on 9th November, 2001, PM also had wide-ranging engagements in the US Congress on 8th November. New York Nov. 9-11, 2001	The two sides recognised that both India and the United States were victims of terrorism, acknowledged that terrorism must be fought wherever it exists and agreed to further intensify India-US cooperation in combating terrorism. The two sides had convergence of views on the political future of Afghanistan and have agreed to consult leaders and each other regularly on this subject. The
3. These included meetings with the House of Representatives, the House International Relations Committee and lunch with the India Caucus. The two sides discussed ways to further strengthen India-US relations, current developments relating to the campaign against terrorism and the political process for a post-Taliban structure in Afghanistan as also other internationasl issues of mutual concern.	of the Senate and United States acknowledged an active role for India in the consultations on the political and economic future of Afghanistan. Prime Minister and President Bush reaffirmed their commitment to build on the momentum in the bilateral relations and complete the process of qualitatively transforming India-US relations. They agreed on a number of steps, including in the areas of defence cooperation, economic dialogue and civilian space and nuclear cooperation, to further strenghthen India-US relations.
The Prime Minister addressed the UN General Assembly on November 10, 2001 and also met a number of world leaders on the margins of the General Assembly. He also met the UN Secretary General.	In his address to the UNGA, the Prime Minister highlighted the threat to global terrorism and the need for the international community to come together to combat it effectively.
At the invitation of his British counterpart, PM visited the UK from 12-13 November for discussions with Prime Minister Tony Blair on the rapidly evolving situation in Afghanistan. The two Prime Ministers concurred on the	The visit enabled a review of the evolving situation in Afghanistan as also the post-conflict political structure in Afghanistan. Both sides also reviewed the status of our

urgency of ensuring a post-conflict political structure in Afghanistan before the military campaign ends and on the need for Afghanistan`s reconstruction. They shared the view that the current international coalition against terrorism could not confine itself to dismantling the Al Qaeda network alone. Our Prime Minister emphasized that the global war against terrorism must also tackle all its sponsors who finance, train, equip and harbour terrorists. He conveyed appreciation to the UK for the proscription of six terrorist organizations earlier this year, under their Terrorism Act 2000.

The discussions also enabled a review of the status of our multi-faceted bilateral ties with the UK. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the positive trend in bilateral trade in goods and services which stood at more than Pound Sterling Five Billion. Prime Minister Blair accepted PM`s invitation for a full-fledged bilateral visit to India, early next year.

multi-faceted bilateral relationship with the UK, including our economic and commercial interaction.